AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing workflow for an application, comprising:

obtaining an application adapter associated with the application, wherein the application adapter specifies a sub-task;

monitoring the application to obtain a state;

performing an action associated with the sub-task, if the state is associated with the sub-task;

authenticating a user;

retrieving a profile associated with the user, if the user is authenticated,

wherein the profile comprises the application adapter; ~~and~~

wherein the profile is a single sign-on profile; and

said application adapter further comprises a pre-login task in which a user ID corresponding to the user is configured as an external parameter and a pre-state for which is configured to recognize a prompt for the user ID and, responsive to the prompt for the user ID, to supply the user ID to the application via an application adapter runtime.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

generating the application adapter; and

associating the application adapter with the profile.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein generating the application adapter comprises:

selecting a task;

specifying the sub-task associated with the task;

specifying a means for recording the state associated with the sub-task;

recording the state using the means for recording the state;

specifying the action to perform when the state associated with the sub-task is encountered; and

generating the application adapter using the state associated with the sub-task and the action.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the application adapter comprises an initialization portion and a script portion

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the script portion comprises the action.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the means for recording the associated state comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of auto-state configuration mechanism and manual-state configuration mechanism.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein performing the action comprises passing a local parameter to the application.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sub-task is associated with a task.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the task is at least one selected from the group consisting of a pre-login task, a login task, a post-login task, a logout task, and a pre-termination task.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sub-task comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a pre-state setting, the action, and a post-state setting.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the sub-task comprises a dynamic variable.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the action comprises functionality to use the dynamic variable to navigate the user to a particular point in the application.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the action comprises functionality to navigate the user to a particular point in the application.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, where in the application adapter is interpreted using an application adapter runtime.

17. (Currently amended) A system for managing workflow for an application, comprising:

an application, wherein the application comprises a state;

an application adapter configured to define an action associated with the state; and

an application adapter runtime configured to monitor the application and perform the action when the state is encountered;

an authentication infrastructure configured to authenticate a user and retrieve a profile associated with the user when the user is authenticated,

wherein the profile comprises the application adapter; ~~and~~

wherein the profile is an single sign-on profile; and

said application adapter further comprises a pre-login task in which a user ID corresponding to the user is configured as an external parameter and a pre-state for which is configured to recognize a prompt for the user ID and, responsive to the prompt for the user ID, to supply the user ID to the application via said application adapter runtime.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, further comprising:

      a database configured to store the profile.

21. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the action is associated with a sub-task.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the sub-task comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a pre-state and a post-state.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the sub-task comprises a dynamic variable.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the action is configured to use the dynamic variable to navigate the user to a particular point in the application.

25. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the sub-task is associated with a task.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the task is at least one selected from the group consisting of a pre-login task, a login task, a post-login task, a logout task, and a pre-termination task.

27. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the action is configured to navigate the user to a particular point in the application.

28. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the application adapter comprises an initialization portion and a script portion.

29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the script portion comprises the action.